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TOPIC Military Information from the Area of the Presov Subdistrict Headquarters

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1. In the area of the military subdistrict headquarters (KVV) of Presov (R 49/E 37), all reservists who originally had been due for induction into active service in 1939, 1941, 1943 and 1945 received induction orders or notices specifying reporting stations, where they were issued clothing. The final post of induction was not to be mentioned in letters written by the reservists. The induction orders did not specify the length of the training period. *
2. Motor vehicle owners were ordered to maintain their vehicles in good mechanical condition, as if for an inspection by a military registration commission, but commandeering of civilian motor vehicles was not observed. **
3. All horses belonging to independent farmers in the area of the KVV were registered by military commissions after 18 July 1950. The farmers were given papers specifying the place of delivery of the horses if such action is necessary.
4. SNC and Militia were kept on a constant alert. They were employed in guarding bridges, in labor brigades and in suppressing riots such as occurred at Presov and Sabinov (R 50/E 28). ***
5. No AA gun emplacements or noticeable changes were observed at the airfields in the subdistricts of Presov and Kosice (R 49/E 34).
6. All voluntary labor brigades were ordered back to their stations in July 1950. A voluntary labor brigade which had been activated in Presov on 26 and 27 June 1950 and which had a personnel of 180 began work in the coal mines as early as July 1950.
7. A Kosice railroad employee heard that large and small shipments of Soviet troops went by rail toward Hungary, in July 1950, traveling via Cop (R 49/E 90), Muszyna (R 50/E 11), Presov and Kosice.

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* Comment. The inductions are believed to have been normal inductions of reservists who are annually concentrated at camps at troop training grounds, usually for a three-week training period. The reservist training in 1950 started as early as March.

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** [redacted] Comment. In July 1950 Radio Prague announced that all motor vehicles would be classified and inspected by military commissions.

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*** [redacted] Comment. The SSB and Militia were presumably kept on alert in Slovakia because resentment against the communist regime is strongest in that province, often precipitating minor disturbances, especially when clergymen are arrested.

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